## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A seat of a child-care instrument comprises a seat plate, a backrest plate which can be reclined, and a lapping plate. The lapping plate integrally has a seat surface portion facing the seat plate, and a back surface portion facing the backrest The seat plate and the backrest plate each have first openings penetrating in the thickness direction. The lapping plate has second openings penetrating in the direction, in its seat surface portion and the back surface The lapping plate is provided such that it can be displaced between a first position in which the first opening and second openings are aligned and a second position in which the positions of both openings are shifted. A plurality of hinge portions extending in the width direction are provided so as to be spaced in the vertical direction, in a corner region connecting the seat surface portion and the back surface portion of the lapping plate.

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